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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2016

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, ZA, RH

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT ZANU OFFICES

1. PRESS ON OCT 2 REPORTS BOMB BLAST AT 0300 HOURS
OCT 1 SHATTERED OFFICES OCCUPIED BY ZIMBABWE NATIONAL
UNION (ZANU) AT LUSAKA'S LIBERATION CENTER. OFFICES
WERE UNOCCUPIED AT TIME AND NO CASUALITIES OCCURRED
BUT CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO STRUCTURE AND TO FILES
REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE. ACCORDING PRESS, BOMB WAS
APPARENTLY TOSSED INTO OFFICE THROUGH WINDOW.

2. ZANU OFFICIALS ALLEGE INCIDENT WAS ATTEMPT
BY SMITH REGIME AGENTS TO ASSASSINATE MOVEMENT
LEADERS.

3. COMMENT: GIVE RHOOR AT WHICH EXPLOSION OCCURRED,
WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CREDIT ZANU'S "ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT" THEORY UNLESS BOMB EXPLODED PREMATURELY.
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TIMING OF EXPLOSION SUGGESTS IT MAY INSTEAD

HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS WARNING. INCIDENT DOES,
HOWEVER, POINT UP WEAKNESSES IN SECURITY AT
LIBERATION CENTER WHERE EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED
IN 1971 AND AGAIN EARLY THIS YEAR (REF LUSAKA 232). EMBOFF WHO
RECENTLY VISITED LIBERATION CENTER DURING NOON HOUR
FOUND NO SECURITY PRESENT AND GATES WIDE OPEN.
ASSUMING THAT NIGHT GUARD ON CENTER SIMILARLY
LAX, CULPRITS PRESUMABLY HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN
PLANTING BOMB. WHILE INCIDENT COULD, AS ZANU
CLAIMS, BE WORK OF RHODESIAN INTELLIGENCE IN LIKELY
RETALIATION FOR ZANU OPERATIONS INSIDE RHODESIA,
POSSIBLE ACTION BY DISSIDENT ZANU OR RIVAL RHODESIAN
EXILE ORGANIZATIONS CANNOT BE DISMISSED.
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